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URBAN DISTRICT OF AMLVCH

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

1960

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AMLWCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1960

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Chairman of the Public Health Committee Councillor William Owen.

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To the Chairman and Members of  
the Health Committee,  
Amlwch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report upon the Health of your District for the year 1960.

As was pointed out last year, the Registrar General's mid-year estimates had shown that there had been a slight falling trend in population during the years 1954 to 1957. Although the variations are but slight, it would seem that the trend now is towards a reversal. The year 1958 showed the first increase, - by 20 persons, 1959 equaling that figure, The current year shows an increase of 60 upon its predecessor, or in other words of 80 upon 1957 when the prior falling figures were halted.

No marked specific separate factor such as, infant mortality variation, increased longevity, or marked diminution in the occurrence of any particular disease can be held responsible for this bettered change, although, of course, the improved Standard of Living of the community (of which re-housing proverbially plays a significant part), could be expected to have a gradual effect towards increase rather than decrease in the size of the population.

The current Birth Rate has remained virtually unchanged (17.9 as to the earlier 17.8) whereas the figure for England and Wales as a whole, has increased slightly more by 17.1 as to the former 16.5. As was mentioned last year, the Birth Rate of this District has fluctuated considerably from 1955 onwards, whereas those for England and Wales as a whole, have shown a steady but slight increase from 15.0 to 17.1. The respective rates for Amlwch from 1955 onwards have been :- 14.8; 20.6; 15.4; 18.9; 17.8 to the current 17.9.

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 estimated population after being at 1.0 in 1958 appreciably higher than those for the County (0.36) and for England and Wales (0.33) fell to 0.33 in 1959 and to zero for the current year (The respective rates for the County and for England and Wales have been 0.34 and 0.33)

As will be seen, - of these ~~three~~ Annual Rates, two (Stillbirth and Births) show a betterment upon the preceeding year and the third shows a deterioration of only 0.39. All these bear favourable comparison with the respective figures produced by England and Wales as a whole. An analysis of the Causes of Death (Actual occurrences) reveal an increase of the cardiac group by 5, and a decrease of the malignant group by the same figure. This increase in the 'Heart group' not reflected in the figures for the proceeding year now conforms with the National trend. There has been no significant preponderance of deaths of one sex over the other.

Of Notifiable Infectious Diseases, no epidemics were anticipated (one of measles having occurred in recent years) nor have occurred, protective immunisation against whooping cough and diphtheria having apparently prevented even sporadic occurrences. Protective measures maintained by the Local Health Authority at its welfare Centres as well as by General Medical Practitioners have included special evening sessions of poliomyelitis vaccination to provide for those adults at work during the day-time who were made eligible for protection by the Ministry of Health according to the supplies of vaccine made available.



Only one single Notification of Tuberculosis was received during the year, that of a male aged 37 years, of the respiratory form, and consequently only a single B.C.G. vaccination was called for of a relevant contact.

Sixty one children were immunised against diphtheria for the first time and 55 against whooping cough.

The Public Health Laboratory reported satisfactorily upon 32 mains-water samples.

It is satisfactory to note both that the 15 samples of Ice Cream were reported upon as Grade 1, and that (from the Public Health Inspectors' report) although there has been a nett increase (by two premises) to 18 registered to sell this potentially dangerous food that all sell this commodity pre-packed.

Of slaughtehouses meat, - two more animals were killed this year yest than last, and, although it was possible to inspect a higher proportion of carcasses than formerly, yet in only a single instance was tuberculosis detected, and that was in a pig's head.

It is pleasing to note that the Council is intending to prepare such a Sewerage scheme for the Bull Bay area as will at the same time obviate complaints from tourist beach users and also ensure wider municipal sewerage coverage.

No action was taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act of 1948, nor yet under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations of 1949.

In conclusion, I should yet again, like to thank the Chairman and Members for their interest, and the Clerk, Public Health Inspector, and Officers of the Council for their willing co-operation and help.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G.H.B. Roberts.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

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Area in acres	4494
Population (Registrar General's mid 1960 estimate)	3080
Sum represented by the Penny Rate	£212 1960/61.
Rateable Value	£52,754

Number of rateable premises,

i. Dwelling houses	1089
ii. Farm Houses	42
iii. Business premises	112

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births (Actual Occurrences)

	1959			1960		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	21	26	47	23	25	48
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>50</u>

The Birth Comparability Factor is 1.05

### 1959

Amlwch = 16.2 (Crude)	17.8 (Corrected)
Anglesey = 16.7	England and Wales 16.5

### 1960

Amlwch = 16.2 (Crude)	17.9 (Corrected)
Anglesey = 13.8	England and Wales 17.1

### Stillbirths

Nil.

The Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population for Anglesey was 0.33  
The Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales was 0.34

### Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
18	19	37

The Death Comparability Factor is 0.91

The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population is 12.0  
The Death Rate for Anglesey was 13.8; England and Wales 11.5  
The Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population is 10.92, Anglesey 12.4

## Maternal Deaths

Nil.

## Deaths of infants under One year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	2	2

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births = 40.0  
The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 18.0; England and Wales 22.0

## Deaths of infants under Four Weeks of Age..

(The same figures as for infants under one week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATHS (ALL AGES)

	M.	F.
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic displasms.	-	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	6	3
Coronary disease, angina	4	-
Other heart disease	1	6
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and illdefined diseases	1	3
Totals	18	19

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year classified in age groups

Disease	Under 1	1 yr.	2.	3.	4.	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	Age unknown
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-



## TUBERCULOSIS

Notification of Tuberculosis was as follows: -

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Respiratory or Non-respiratory</u>
37	M.	Respiratory.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

### Vaccination against Smallpox

A total number of 40 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year and 9 others were re-vaccinated.

### Vaccination against tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculosis households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1960, 1 such vaccination was carried out in the district.

### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

A total number of 61 children were immunised for the first time against Diphtheria during the year, and 55 were immunised against Whooping Cough.

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## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

The following is my report on the sanitary circumstances of the area during the year 1960, and the public health activities of the department

HOUSING The completion of new houses during the year showed an improvement in 1959..

On the first of January the 6 dwellinghouses at Lon Bach and the 4 flats at Bethesda Street were under construction. All these were completed and occupied during the year.

The Council started building on the Tanybryn Road Site now known as Meesllwyn. 18 out of a total of 26 houses were started during the year and 7 of these were completed.

Most of the houses were let for general needs and for the housing of staff employed at the new Anglesey Radio Station. Other Council houses became vacant during the year and they were re-let under the Council's point's scheme. 3 families were rehoused from unfit houses.

Private development continued at a slow rate 4 private houses were under construction at the beginning of the year, 2 were started during the year, and 4 were completed. Although development was permitted on the Graig Ddu site for private houses no start has yet been made.

It appears that the erection of the proposed bungalows at Madyn Dysw will assist considerably in meeting the present housing need of the district.

The Council's programme in dealing with unfit houses has practically been completed with the exception of certain houses occupied by one or two persons. The provision of the bungalows will allow for the rehousing of these persons and also the transfer of families comprising one or two persons suitable for bungalow occupation but now living in 2 or 3 bedroomed Council Houses.

Certain Council houses and bungalows are at present occupied as follows :-

- 24 two bedroomed dwellings occupied by single persons.
- 18 two bedroomed dwellings occupied by families of two persons
- 5 three bedroomed dwellings occupied by single persons.
- 14 three bedroomed dwellings occupied by families of two persons.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Four applications were received during the year for discretionary grants and all were approved. The total amounted to £1430.

Two standard grants were paid on applications approved in 1959. Six new applications were received and approved.

Property owners are encouraged to take advantage of the facilities to improve their property. It is to be regretted that there are a considerable number of houses in the area although in an excellent condition have not the amenities that could be provided with a standard grant.

## ACTION UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	12
No. of houses which were made fit in consequence of formal action	2
No. of houses made fit in consequence of informal action	10
No. of families displaced from unfit houses.	3

## PUBLIC CLEANSING:

All figures under this heading refer to the year ended 31st March, 1961.

## HOUSE REFUSE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Collection of refuse was continued uninterrupted throughout the year. No complaints were received regarding the efficiency of the collection. Monthly collection continued from farms and outlying properties. Tipping continued on the same site in Amlwch Port. With the public having access to the tip it was very difficult to control the site and to prevent sorting by unauthorised persons resulting often in fires.

### Cost of Service

Labour	£1,345.	1.	5.
Materials etc.	51.	18.	6.
Transport	366.	7.	7.
	£1,763.	7.	6.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Three properties were dealt with under the Public Health Act for the conversion of pa l closets to water closets. The main sewer and its branches throughout the town together with the system in Amlwch Port appear to be functioning satisfactory. Some difficulty has been experienced with the storm overflow at Llwyn Onn. The disposal of sewage in the Bull Bay area is receiving attention. There are three outfalls discharging into the sea and complaints have been received from bathers in the area. When the Council prepared a scheme for this area consideration should be given to certain extensions to bring other existing properties within distance of the system.

## STREET CLEANSING:

Two workmen are employed on this work and attention is given to the town centre on Sunday. The two men are also responsible for gully cleansing and attend to the cleansing of the public conveniences.

The cost of street cleansing was as follows .-

County Roads	£714.	11.	10.
District Roads	148.	10.	8.
	£863.	2.	6.
Income from			
County Council	£518.	13.	3.
Total to Rate Fund	£344.	9.	3.



## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

The Town and Port Conveniences received daily attention. Again vandalism was more so in the Town Conveniences. It is reported that no further progress has been made to provide the Ball Bay Conveniences.

The cost of the service for the year was as follows :-

### Town Conveniences :

Wages	£ 84.	0.	1.
Material	61.	13.	4.
Total	£145.	13.	5.

### Port Conveniences :

Wages	£ 28.	17.	10.
Material	7.	4.	3.
	£36.	2.	1.

The total income from both conveniences was £110.7.1.

## LITTER:

New litter bins were provided throughout the district, especially near public seats. Warning notices had to be issued regarding dangerous litter on one of the Council Estates.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

### SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION.

Slaughtering continued at the three slaughterhouses. The high quality of meat slaughtered was maintained and all cattle slaughtered were steers and heifers. Slaughtering continued on most Sundays which necessitated inspection outside normal hours.

The number of slaughtermen licensed was 6.

Figures relating to meat inspection are as follows :-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed.	172	-	-	1875	184
Number inspected	156	-	-	1224	179
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	3	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	1.92	-	-	-	0.56
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.56

Details of carcasses, parts of organs diseased are as follows.-

1 pig's carcass and offal	- Acute Erysipelas
1 Pig's head	- Tuberculosis
2 beast livers	- Abscesses.
1 beast head	- Cysts.

#### OTHER FOOD.

The following were among other food surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

113 tins various fruit.  
73 tins Milk.  
37 tins vegetables.  
12 jars Sauces.  
9 tins Meat.  
5 tins Fish.  
29 lbs. Beef - bone taint

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSE (REPORTS) DIRECTION 1959.

The report on the existing slaughterhouses and the alterations required to comply with the Construction Regulations was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Two out of the three slaughterhouses are to be brought up to the required standard.

#### ICE CREAM.

The total number of premises registered for the sale only of ice cream was 18. There were 4 new registrations during the year and 2 premises discontinued the sale of ice cream.

15 samples of Ice Cream were taken and all were classified in Grade 1.

#### FOOD POISONING.

No cases had to be investigated during the year.

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS:

Informal action was taken where contravention of the regulations occurred. Most food premises inspected were in a satisfactory condition. A person trading from a van which was considered unsuitable was given a warning and the matter was reported to the district from which the owner operated.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Disinfection had to be carried out at three properties during the year.

#### RODENT CONTROL:

This work continued to be carried out following normal inspections and on receipt of complaints. The part-time operator received training at a short course held in January.

The following is a report on the work carried out during the year :-

##### Inspections

No. of local authority properties	6
No. of dwellinghouses	270
No. of business premises	34
No. of farms.	12



Infested and treated.

No. of local authority properties	4
No. of treatments	7
No. of dwellinghouses	63
No. of treatments	63
No. of business premises	5
No. of treatments.	7
No. of farms	2
No. of treatments	2

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health made by the Public Health Inspector.

	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections, 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	1	15	Nil	Nil.
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	15	26	Nil	Nil
	16	41	Nil.	Nil

THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

The only application received for a site licence was later withdrawn.

The Council considered establishing a Caravan Site owned and managed by them. Sites were recommended but after considering the merits of each site it was decided to leave it to private developers to make application for the site licences. The Council agreed that licence conditions should be in accordance with the recommendations of the joint meeting held between officials of District Councils and the County Council, and based on the Model Standards specified by the Minister. No applications for site licences have been received to date. It appears that this district perhaps due to the nature of its coastline, is not considered suitable for the caravan site operator, and the Council may well reconsider its decision to encourage such development and concentrate on the provision of sites for housing.

In conclusion may I thank the Council for their confidence and support and the Officers and Workmen for their continued co-operation.

I remain,  
Yours faithfully,

F. Evans,

Public Health Inspector.



# APPENDIX

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF AMLWCH IN THE COUNTY OF ANGLESEY.

### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

#### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

#### PART 1 OF THE ACT

#### 1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers proseduted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	15	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	15	26	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	16	41	Nil.	Nil.

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases")

Particulars	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found.</u>				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-



## PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel						
{ Making etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	-
{ Cleaning and Washing.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur pulling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and Steel cables and chains.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cart gear	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys.	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (6)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices Served	Prose- cutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Umbrellas, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Racquet and tennis balls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly - or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pea picking	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feather sorting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed toys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basket making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats	-	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK  
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Cosaques Christmas stockings etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-

G.H.B. Roberts,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

